IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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TUBING EXPANSION

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 18, 2009

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 18, 2009, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 18, 2010, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/CRUI/0012/WCG for any deficiencies and credit any overpayment required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.